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Docket No.: 056937-0109

**PATENT**



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masahiro UEMINAMI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 2630
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Application No.: 10/776,237	:	Group Art Unit: 2829
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Filed: February 12, 2004	:	Examiner: TANG, Minh Nhut
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

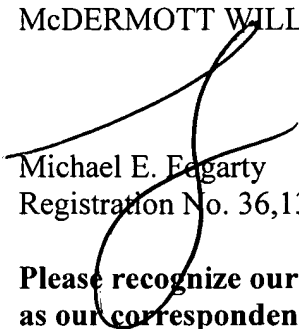
Noting the Office Action of June 21, 2005, wherein the Examiner required election between the patentably distinct species identified as Species a/ through Species l/, Applicant hereby elects Species a/ of Figure 1, corresponding to claims 1 through 2 for prosecution in this application.

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It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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